

REMARKS

The present amendment is in response to the Office Action dated September 20, 2007. Claims 1, 3, 4, 6-14, and 18-34 are now present in this case. Claims 1, 3, 4, 6, 7, 14, 18, 19, 27, 33, and 34 are amended. Claims 2, 5, and 15-17 are canceled.

The applicant wishes to express her appreciation to the Examiner for the telephone conference with the applicant's attorney on December 20, 2007.

The applicant further wishes to express her appreciation to the Examiner for the indication that claims 5-6, and 17-18 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the language from Claims 2 and 5 and is thus in condition for allowance. Similarly, independent Claim 14 has been amended to incorporate the language of Claims 15, 16, and 17 and is also in condition for allowance. Claims 3, 4, 6, and 7 have been amended only to change claim dependencies in light of the amendment to Claim 1. Similarly, Claims 18 and 19 have been amended only to change claim dependencies in light of the amendment to Claim 14. Accordingly, it is believed that Claims 1, 3, 4, 6-14, and 18-26 are in condition for allowance. Such allowance is respectfully requested.

Claims 11-13 and 27-34 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable by Anacker. The applicant respectfully traverses this rejection and requests reconsideration. As discussed with the Examiner during the telephone conference of December 20, 2007, Anacker is directed to a dual purpose chair. In the first configuration the chair is in a generally upright position while the second configuration for the chair is a semi-reclining position. Anacker does not teach or suggest any operation as a table. In contrast, Claim 27 has been amended to clarify that the frame is positioned on a first side to operate in a table configuration and can be rotated ninety degrees (90°) to thereby operate in a chair configuration. Thus, Claim 27 clearly recites dual functionality as a chair and a table. Anacker does not suggest this dual operation. Accordingly, Claim 27 is believed allowable over Anacker. Claims 28-34 are also allowance in view of the fact that they depend from Claim 27, and further in view of the recitation in each of these claims.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, reconsideration of the subject application and its allowance are kindly requested. The applicant has made a good faith effort to place all claims in condition for allowance. If questions remain regarding the present application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (206) 757-8029.

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